Import and Export Policy, import of finished rolls of cinematographic colour films (unexposed) positive' can be made under Open General Licence by all persons for actual use/stock and sale. Data regarding price paid per square metre by individual importers is not maintained.

Export of Granite

4993. SHRI M.G. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of granite exported and the foreign exchange earned during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase its production and export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The quantity of granite exported and the foreign exchange earned during the last three years have been as under:

Year	*Qty. ('000Mt)*	*Value (Million Rs.)*
1988-89	*543.2*	*1300.8*
1989-90	*544.0*	*1470.0*
1990-91	*732.6*	*2270.0*

(b) Steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase production and export of grant of letters of permission under the 100% ECU Scheme to establish granite cutting an polishing units, grant of Exim Scrips at 39% of the net foreign exchange earnings, income tax benefit under Section 80 HHC of the Income Tax Act, etc. for cut and polished granite.

Functioning of Global Positioning System

4994. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi Edition dated November 24, 1991 under the caption "Maps out moded by satellite";

(b) if so, whether any in-depth study has been made of the functioning of the Global Possitioning System (GPS) from the Defence point of view;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government regarding the commercial exploitation of the Global Positioning System?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. However, it will not be in the interest of national security to disclose further details in this regard.

(d) Since the GPS is still at an experimental stage, no commercial uses can be envisaged.

12.00 hrs.

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, through you, I would like to communicate the decision that has been taken in the Business Advisory Committee for the approval of the august House. It was decided that we would take up item no. 39, vote it first and then the hon. Prime Minister will make the statement on international affairs. Thereafter, we can take up what we commonly call the 'Zero Hour'. So, I request the members to hold their questions on 'Zero Hour' till we complete these two items of business.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): We have no objection to that.

MR. SPEAKER: I think the Members have been cooperating splendidly and this arrangement has also been agreed. So, we would take up the item suggested by the Parliamentary Affairs Minister and later on, we will have the statement by the hon. Prime Minister on the visits of foreign dignitaries. Then, we will go through the unlisted business on which the Members sitting on the last benches will have preference and then we will go to other items.

SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT (Ponnani): Sir, today is Friday and so we must have Lunch hour.

MR. SPEAKER: We will have A short Lunch hour.

12.03 hrs.

CONSTITUTION (SEVENTY-FOURTH AMENDMENT) BILL

(Insertion of new Articles 239AA 239AB)

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill further to amend the Constitution of India, be taken into consideration."

The Bill seeks to make special provisions in the Constitution for a new set-up for the administration of the Union Territory of Delhi, including provisions for the establishment of a Legislative Assembly and a Council of Ministers responsible to such Assembly.

As the House is aware, Delhi is a Union Territory administered under Article 239 of the Constitution. Under the existing law, namely, the Delhi Administration Act, 1966, there is a metropolitan Council with elected members and an Executive Council to assist and advise the Administrator in the exercise of his function other than those in which he is to exercise his discretion. The Metropolitan Council is only an advisory body with no legislative powers. There has been a persistent demand for a representative form of government in Delhi and also for removing problems faced by the common man, such as multiplicity of authorities with overlapping functions. With a view to finding a permanent solution to the problems, the Government appointed a Committee on on 24.12.1987 under the Chairmanship initially of Shri Justice R.S. Sarkaria and subsequently of Shri S. Balakrishnan with wide terms of reference to enable it to suggest remedies for the